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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES

REF: A. STATE 46171; B) EC BRUSSELS 1137

1. EMBASSY MARCH 15 PROVIDED FONMINISTRY WITH AIDE MEMOIRE IN-
FORMING GOI OF USEC NOTE TO COMMISSION BASED ON PARAS 2-4 REFTL.
MFA EC AGRICULTURAL EXPERT CAREFULLY READ STATEMENT USG POSITION,
PARTICULARLY NOTING POINT RE CONNECTION BETWEEN POSSIBLE EC MINI-
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MUM IMPORT PRICES ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND ARTICLE XXIV:6 AND MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. MFA SOURCE, WHO REGULARLY ATTENDS MEETINGS SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE AS WELL AS EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, SAID HE WAS NOT OFFICIALLY AWARE OF SPECIFIC COMMISSION PROPOSAL ALTHOUGH HE HAD GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF MATTER. (REF B REPORTED THAT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ALREADY UNDER DISCUSSION IN SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.) OFFICIAL SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO STUDY AIDE MEMOIRE CAREFULLY AND COULD NOT GIVE CONSIDERED RESPONSE AT THIS TIME. HE HOWEVER COMMENTED A) THAT MIP' S SEEM VALID IN CONTEXT PREFERENCES FOR MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES (PARA 5, REF B), AND B) AN ARRANGEMENT FOR PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, INCLUDING REFERENCE PRICES AND MIP' S, COULD BE SEEN AS EXTENSION OF REVISED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES CAP ADOPTED LAST NOVEMBER WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS AT PRESENT VERY WEAK, BUT ADOPTION OF WHICH HAD BEEN IMPORTANT TO ITALY.

3. COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE ALSO BEING GIVEN TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. VOLPE

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